(c) whether any arrests have been made in this connection; and

(d) what action Government have taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The report appeared in the paper on 14th July, 89 and not on 14th June, 1989.

(b) Swaran Singh Bhangu s/o Sardar Bhajan Singh r/o village Badla, Distt. Ludhiana, who is running a travel agency in Chandigarh, allegedly charged Rs. 65,000 from one Baldeep Singh, also resident of Ludhiana for arranging a multiple entry visa for him for USA. His accomplice Mukesh Kumar got a forged US visa stamped on his passport which was detected when the passport was presented to the French Embassy for getting stamped French visa.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Criminal case U/S 420|468|471|120-B IPC has been registered at P. S. Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

Escalation in terrorism in Rajasthan

2050. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an escalation in terrorist activities in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to check the same; and

(c) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government to provide six companies of CRPF, modern weaponary, vehicles for quick mobility of forces and assistance for tele-communication facilities as well as Commando Training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) There has been some terrorist activity in Rajasthan, specially in Ganganagar District. Available information also indicates that the terrorists have tried to use Rajasthan for bringing arms and ammunition into the country from across the border. Security forces have been alerted in foiling these attempts by the terrorists. Avtar Singh Brahma, a notorious terrorist, was killed near the Indo-Pak border (Rajasthan sector) in July 1988. An attempt by some intruders to enter India in Rai Singh Nagar Sector of Ganganagar District was successfully foiled by BSF last month. The situation is under constant watch of the Central Government and the State Government.

2. A request has been received from the Rajasthan Government for additional forces and weapons to meet the challenge of the terrorists. Appropriate assistance has been provided.

Alleged duping of job seekers by the travel agent in Delhi

2051. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several travel agents in Delhi are alleged to be duping job seekers;

(b) if so, the details of such travel agents reported during the past six months in Delhi; and

(c) the action contemplated by Government against the erring travel agents in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). 13 travel agents have been arrested and cases registered against them. The details between 1.5 per cent